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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The present paper is responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 28, 2006 in connection with the above-identified patent application. Filed herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136, extending the time for response for a period of 1 month from March 28, 2006 to April 28, 2006. Accordingly, this response, filed April 26, 2006, is timely filed.

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 28, 2006, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group III (claims 1, 9-12, and 21-26).

Further, in response to the requirement to elect a patentably distinct species to facilitate examination of the claims, Applicants hereby elect the cancer species colorectal cancer and the VEGR receptor complex species VEGFR2 homodimers. Applicants believe claims 1, 9-12, and 21-26 read on the elected species.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue non-elected subject matter in one or more later filed divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part applications.

Applicants believe that the claims of the instant application meet all of the conditions for patentability and are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

No fee is believed due with this response other than the fee for one month's extension of time for response. However, should the Commissioner determine otherwise, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fee(s) to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013. A copy of this sheet is enclosed for such purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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